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OWNER'S MANUAL

Please read before using this equipment.

Racing Battery Pack DC Charger

for 4.8V/6V/7.2V/9.6V Ni-Cd Battery Packs

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FEATURES

Your RadioShack Racing Battery Pack DC Charger is perfect for charging radio-controlled racing cars' battery packs when you are on the go. It connects directly to your vehicle's battery terminals and can fully charge 4.8V, 6V, 7.2V and 9.6V nickel-cadmium battery packs in as little as 15 minutes! (High-capacity 7.2V, 1700 mAh and 9.6V, 900 mAh battery packs require more time to fully charge.)

Your charger also includes these features:

DC Reverse-Polarity Input Protection — blows the charger's fuse to prevent damage to the charger, the battery pack, and your vehicle's electrical system if you accidentally connect the DC power cord clamps to the wrong battery terminals.

Charging Indicator — lights when the battery pack is charging and automatically turns off when charging is finished.

Start Button — makes battery-pack charging simple.

Digit Peak Voltage Detector — ensures complete charging.

Safety Guard Protection Timer — prevents overcharging that can damage the battery pack.

Thermal Sensor — stops charging automatically if the battery becomes too hot.

CHARGING CAUTIONS

- Charge only one battery pack at a time.
- Be sure that the battery pack is rated at 4.8, 6, 7.2, or 9.6 volts.
- Avoid charging fully-charged battery packs. Doing so can damage the battery pack or cause it to lose some of its storage capacity.
- Charge battery packs only at room temperature (65–80°F). Charging a battery pack in a hot area can permanently reduce the battery pack's power capacity.
- Do not expose the charger to rain or excessive moisture.

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OPERATION

Before you charge a battery pack, use it until it no longer provides the necessary power.

Warnings:

- To reduce the risk of injury, charge only rechargeable nickel-cadmium battery packs with this charger. Trying to charge other types of battery packs could cause the packs to leak or become very hot and explode, causing injury to bystanders or damage to your charger.
- Do not charge a battery pack that is damaged or leaking.
- Do not cover the vents on the top or back of the charger while charging a battery pack.

Follow these steps to connect the charger to your vehicle's battery and charge a battery pack.

1. Connect the charger's red clamp to the vehicle's positive (+) battery terminal.

ILLUSTRATION
of red clamp
w/vehicle's
positive battery
terminal

2. Connect the DC charger's black clamp to the vehicle's negative (–) battery terminal or to a metal part of your vehicle's chassis that is not insulated by a plastic part. The POWER indicator lights.

   Caution: Do not connect the black clamp to any part of your vehicle's chassis unless you are sure your vehicle has a negative-ground electrical system.

3. To charge a 6V battery pack, simply insert it into the compartment on the battery charger. Then skip to Step 5.

ILLUSTRATION
of 6V battery
connection

To charge a 7.2V or 9.6V battery pack, insert the pack into the compartment on the battery charger and slide the connector into **CHARGING JACK**. If the connector does not fit, turn it over and try again. Do not force it.

ILLUSTRATION
of 7.2 V
battery connection

To charge a 4.8V battery pack, plug the small end of the supplied adapter cord fully into the battery pack's connector. Then plug the adapter cord's large end fully into **CHARGING JACK**.

ILLUSTRATION of 4.8 V battery connection

4. Insert the battery pack into the compartment on the battery charger.
5. Insert **THERMAL SENSOR** into the charger's sensor holder.

ILLUSTRATION of THERMAL SENSOR in sensor socket

6. Press **START** to start charging. The CHARGE indicator lights.

ILLUSTRATION of START location

This table shows the typical fast-charging time for battery packs of different capacities:

Capacity	Charging Current (mA)	Charging Time (minutes)
4.8V/6V (600 mAh)	2500	15
7.2V (1200 mAh)	4500	16
7.2V (1700 mAh)	4500	23
9.6V (600 mAh)	2500	15
9.6V (900 mAh)	2500	22

Caution: Never disconnect the charger's DC charger's clamps from your vehicle's battery while charging is in progress. If you need to suddenly stop charging, disconnect the battery pack from the charger first, then disconnect the DC charger's clamps from the vehicle's battery terminals (and chassis, if you connected the black clamp to it).

Notes:

- If the battery pack becomes too hot, the thermal sensor makes charging stop automatically.
- If the charging time and the battery pack's life are both very short, the battery pack might be damaged.
- If the charging indicator does not light, check to see if the charger's fuse has blown (see "Replacing the Fuse" on Page 6).

7. When charging is complete, the charger and its CHARGE indicator automatically turn off. Disconnect and remove the battery pack from the charger, then disconnect the DC charger's clamps from the vehicle's battery terminals (and chassis, if you connected the black clamp to it).

Note: If you are charging *high-capacity* 7.2-volt, 1700 mAh, and 9.6-volt, 900 mAh battery packs, you must run them for two charging cycles to fully charge them.

REPLACING THE FUSE

The DC charger's fuse blows if you connect its clamps to the wrong battery terminals. This protects the charger, the battery pack, and your vehicle's electrical system. We recommend that you keep some spare 7-amp, $1^{1}/_{4}$-inch slow blow fuses (such as Cat. No. 270-1029) with your charger, in case the fuse blows.

Caution: Do not use a fuse with ratings other than those specified here. Doing so might damage your charger.

If the **CHARGE** indicator does not light or the charger does not operate when you turn it on, follow these steps to check and replace the fuse.

1. Disconnect and remove the battery pack from the charger.

ILLUSTRATION
of battery pack
disconnection

2. Remove the DC charger's clamps from your vehicle's battery (and chassis, if you connected the black clamp to it).

3. Push and twist the fuse holder's ends together until it springs apart. If the fuse is blown, replace it with an identically rated 7-amp fuse.

ILLUSTRATION
of open fuse
holder w/fuse

Note: Blown fuses usually are discolored or have a broken center wire.

4. Reassemble the fuse holder by pushing and twisting its ends together.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Your RadioShack Racing Battery Pack DC Charger for 4.8V/6V/7.2V/9.6V Ni-Cd Battery Packs is an example of superior design and craftsmanship. The following suggestions will help you care for your charger so you can enjoy it for years.

Keep the charger dry. If it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately. Liquids can contain minerals that corrode electronic circuits.

Use and store the charger only in normal temperature environments. Temperature extremes can shorten the life of electronic devices, damage batteries, and distort or melt plastic parts.

Handle the charger gently and carefully. Dropping it can damage circuit boards and cases and can cause the charger to work improperly.

Keep the charger away from dust and dirt, which can cause premature wear of parts.

Wipe the charger with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new. Do not use harsh chemicals, cleaning solvents, or strong detergents to clean your charger.

Modifying or tampering with the charger's internal components can cause a malfunction and invalidate your charger's warranty. If your charger is not performing as it should, take it to your local RadioShack store for assistance.

SPECIFICATIONS

Charging Current ..... 2.5 Amps ±10% for 4.8V, 6V and 9.6V batteries
4.5 Amps ±10% for 7.2 battery

DC Supply Voltage ..... DC 12V

Charging Times (Fully Discharged Battery Pack):

Minimum ..... 15 Minutes

Maximum ..... 23 Minutes

Average ..... 18 Minutes

Specifications are typical; individual units might vary. Specifications are subject to change and improvement without notice.

Limited Ninety-Day Warranty

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